

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**SATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**  
**January 5, 2023**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Technical Committee (Voting Members):**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nate Bottom, Chair	City of Springfield
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brian Davis, Vice Chair	Sangamon County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jeff Myers*	Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT): Region 4, District 6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Michelle Alexander	Sangamon Mass Transit District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Molly Berns	Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission
<input type="checkbox"/>	Patrick McCarthy	Village of Chatham

\* Represented by Ron Rybolt

**Technical Advisors (Non-Voting Members):**

<input type="checkbox"/>	James Kyte	Federal Highway Administration: Illinois Division Office
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brian Wright	IDOT: District 6, Local Roads & Streets
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brandon Geber	IDOT: Office of Planning & Programming
<input type="checkbox"/>	Stephen Laffey	Illinois Commerce Commission
<input type="checkbox"/>	Roger Blickensderfer	Springfield Airport Authority
<input type="checkbox"/>		IDOT: Office of Intermodal Project Implementation

**Others Present:**

SSCRPC Staff

Shannan Karrick

Jason Sass

Members of the Public

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Nate Bottom called the meeting of the SATS Technical Committee to order at 8:31 AM.

**II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Nate Bottom asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the November 3, 2022, Technical Committee meeting. Molly Berns made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Brian Davis seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

**III. 2045 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP)**

No updates.

**IV. FY 2023 – 2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

**A. ST-U Projects Update**

1. **Koke Mill Road: Old Jacksonville Road to Washington Street (TIP # 02-2020-06)**  
Draft PDR has been sent to IDOT for concurrence.

## 2. Iron Bridge Road Overpass and Woodside Road Underpass (TIP # 03-2009-05)

Brian Davis reported that the final plans have been submitted to IDOT awaiting comments. A March letting is anticipated.

### B. Modification 5 – IL 29 (Dirksen Parkway)

Shannan Karrick introduced Modification 5.



### Administrative Modification 5 to the FY 2023 – 2026 Transportation Improvement Program December 22, 2022

#### IL 29, Current to AC

Status of this project was changed from “Current” to “Advanced Construction” because the Illinois Department of Transportation considers specific apportionment or state contract ceiling insufficient to meet project specifications; the FY 2023 Annual Element of the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program has been modified to add AC to the federal funding source as shown below.

Project/Jurisdiction/Class	Location	Action/Comments	Map #	Funding Source	Total Cost
7 IL 29 (Dirksen Parkway)	Termini Ridge Avenue to Linden Avenue in Springfield	Crack & joint sealing	103	NHPP	\$40,000
State	Contract # 72631			IDOT	\$10,000
Other Principal Arterial	TIP # 04-2023-05				\$50,000

And the Advance Construction Projects table in the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program has been modified to indicate the change to this project as shown below.

AD MOD #	TIP Year	Project Jurisdiction Class	Location	Action/Comments	Map #	Funding Source	Total Cost	Date On AC List	Date Off AC List
AM 5 (FY 23 - 26 TIP)	2023	IL 29 (Dirksen Parkway)	Termini Ridge Avenue to Linden Avenue in Springfield	Crack & joint sealing	103	NHPP (AC)	\$40,000	12/22/2022	
		State	Contract # 72631			IDOT	\$10,000		
		Other Principal Arterial	TIP # 04-2023-05				\$50,000		

## V. TECHNICAL ADVISOR UPDATES

### A. Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT): Office of Planning & Programming (OPP)

Brandon Geber reported that IDOT has received updated census data for urban areas. Criteria have changed delineating what blocks are or are not urban. Many places lost quite a few people, while Springfield lost approximately 2,000. Urban areas will be adjusted to reflect this information and to smooth out the boundaries. Illinois gained 30,000 throughout the state.

Molly Berns announced that Brandon Geber has received a promotion and is now the

**B. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA): IL Division Office**

No report.

**C. IDOT District 6: Local Roads and Streets (LRS)**

No report.

**D. Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC)**

No report.

**E. Springfield Airport Authority (SAA)**

No report.

**F. IDOT: Office of Intermodal Project Implementation (OIPI)**

No report.

**VI. AGENCY UPDATES**

**A. Springfield-Sangamon Regional Planning Commission (SSCRPC)**

Shannan Karrick reported that staff had attended the State GIS Day. They had seen a presentation on the Trimble Catalyst, a geolocation receiver that works with cell phones and tablets. The receiver costs approximately \$800 with an annual subscription of \$500 (six feet) to \$4,000 (0.5 inches) depending on the accuracy. A demonstration has been scheduled for January 24 for interested parties.

Shannan also referenced the potential purchase of equipment and software to update Google Maps. She stated that while it seems like there may be some technology purchases on the horizon it will not result in a significant change in the local match largely due to the increased number of vacant staff positions being paid partially or entirely with planning funds.

Molly Berns stated that the RPC will soon be advertising to fill several positions. Ms. Berns also noted that many of the MPOs are having difficulty in hiring and retaining staff. She also reported that one possibility is reducing the headcount to increase the salaries of new hires to be more competitive.

Shannan Karrick stated that billings for the second quarter will be out by January 20.

Ms. Karrick reported that she and Molly had attended meetings on the expenditure of excess planning funds and asked Brandon Geber to summarize. Mr. Geber noted that the MPOs' unspent planning funds are returned to IDOT. These funds are then used for projects or purchases based on input from the MPOs and planning partners. Funds will be used for data purchase subscriptions, to increase annual marks (approximately \$70,000 for SATS) in 2024, and to develop a Statewide SS4A Action Plan. Additional funds may be used to supplement the State Planning and Research program.

Molly reported that consultants had been selected for the SPR projects- a countywide Route 66 corridor plan and the Ninth Street/Peoria Road plan that primarily focuses on land use and development. These will go to the county board for approval next week. She will be reaching out to other planning partners to serve on the steering committee.

**B. Sangamon Mass Transit District (SMTD)**

Michelle Alexander reported the following:

**Administration Remodel (TIP # 06-2022-18):**

The former board room is being remodeled into five offices. The project has been awarded and work is underway.

**Parking Lot and Storage Building Renovations (TIP # 06-2016-13):**

The storage building will be converted into an auto body shop. The bids are in and the project is expected to be awarded at the January meeting.

**Multi-modal FFE for New Transfer Center (TIP # 06-2022-10):**

The project includes the purchase of digital displays; furniture, fixtures, and equipment for the transfer center, and furniture for the administrative remodel. This project is currently out for bid.

**Fiber Installation and Technology Improvements (TIP # 06-2022-12):**

Technology equipment has been purchased and the project is completed.

**Technology Improvements (TIP # 06-2022-16):**

The project is in process. Equipment has been ordered to expand Wi-Fi throughout the campus. The fare box data is not currently able to download due to dead spots.

**C. City of Springfield**

Nate Bottom reported the following:

**Usable Segment III – Madison Street and Jefferson Street Underpasses (TIP # 02-2023-06):**

Madison Street and Jefferson Street are scheduled to be closed in April. Traffic will be rerouted to Carpenter Street during the closure. Construction of the Norfolk Southern tracks is scheduled for this spring.

**Usable Segment IV - North Grand Avenue Overpass (TIP # 02/2024/05);**

**Usable Segment V – Cook Street and South Grand Avenue Underpasses (TIP # 02-2021-06):**

Norfolk Southern track work is underway.

**Churchill Bridge Road (TIP # 02-2023-05);**

**Downtown Signal Modernization – Phase I (TIP # 02-2022-06):**

Construction is anticipated to begin in the spring.

**Stanford Avenue (TIP # 02-2010-09):**

Utility relocation work continues. Construction is scheduled to begin this spring.

**D. Sangamon County**

Brian Davis reported the following:

**Pavement Preservation Project (TIP # 03-2022-07):**

The project has been completed.

**Sangamon Valley Trail South Extension (TIP # 03-2020-10):**

The planning study remains underway and has received an extension from IDOT. A public meeting will be scheduled in February.

**Springfield-Sangamon County Transportation Center:**

The east side (SMTD portion) continues to face supply chain issues delaying the opening. The facility was scheduled to open in December and is awaiting a new schedule from the contractor.

The west side (parking garage, public square, and Amtrak station) is scheduled to go out for bid in May. A construction manager was brought on to review plans to alleviate supply chain issues.

**E. Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT): Region 4, District 6**

Ron Rybolt announced targets have been received and the district will begin work on the multi-year plan.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Next Meeting Date: December 1, 2022**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Nate Bottom asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Brian Davis made a motion to adjourn. Molly Berns seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:47 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannan Karrick,  
Recording Secretary